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At the celebration of Greenbelt Station's new park, Kim Whitfield (left) and her daughter Jade Pridgeon, were two of the winners of the holiday sweater contest. Article and more pictures on page 12.

Greenbelter's Modeling Could Stop Desert, Power the World

by Amy S. Hansen

Many of us dream of saving the world, but few of us create a computer model showing how to do it.

Greenbelter Eugenia Kalnay is originally from Argentina and is a meteorologist. She's a distinguished university professor of atmospheric and oceanic sciences at the University of Maryland. Before that, she was a branch head at NASA Goddard and also a director of the Environmental Modeling Center at the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). She was also the first woman to receive a Ph.D. in meteorology from M.I.T.

She has created a plan that would provide energy for the world and mitigate desertification of the Sahara. When she and her colleagues ran the models, they were thrilled.

"I was totally delighted because it was exactly what I hoped



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Eugenia Kalnay

would happen," she said, still smiling broadly at the results.

What she and her team showed was that large-scale wind and solar farms in the Sahara Desert could provide enough

electricity to power the world, and also bring rain back to the sub-Saharan region that is suffering from drought.

The team of eight co-authors published the article in Science last September and presented their work at the American Geophysical Union meeting in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, December 11. Dozens of news organizations and environmental groups wrote about the work.

Stopping Deserts

Kalnay explained that the idea of using the Sahara started with her advisor at M.I.T. back in 1975.

In a non-desert ecosystem, such as a forest, dark soil and vegetation collect the heat from the sun during the day. At night, the heat rises up and into the atmosphere. The atmosphere gives

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Top Stories of 2018

Contributing writers for 2018: James Giese, Kathleen Gallagher, Cathie Meetre, Gary Childs, Deanna Dawson

Maglev

In 2018, Greenbelt learned a lot more about the proposed superconducting magnetic levitation (maglev) train and (mostly) protested it. The News Review published many articles and letters to the editor on the maglev train that would run from Washington, D.C. to Baltimore. Opponents of the train say that it would do little to improve traffic for the majority of commuters, would adversely affect the environment including, possibly, Greenbelt's forest preserve, and that the money would be better spent improving existing transportation options. Proponents say that it will ease traffic congestion in the region and provide jobs, as well as make use of an important new technology to help improve transportation. In January, the Federal Railway Administration-Maryland Department of Transportation Preliminary Alternatives Screening Report was released. The report revealed that both of the two favored maglev routes, labelled J1 and J2, would run under Greenbelt, parallel to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. This report and another, the Final Alternatives Report released in November, were part of the

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Land for New Greenbelt Station Park is Conveyed to the City

by Gary Childs

The residents of Greenbelt Station now have a park of their own. At the December 10 regular council meeting, representatives of the Greenbelt Station Homeowners Association (HOA) and Woodlawn, the developer of the community, discussed the status of Woodlawn's turning over the green space to the City of Greenbelt for use as a park in Greenbelt Station.

The original Greenbelt Station South Core Site Plan included a 2.27 acre neighborhood central park area which was intended to be given to the city to be used as a park. Terri Hruby, director

of Planning and Community Development, informed council that city staff had recently completed a walk-through to check the remaining items needed to be done for the central park area, and that while a few items remained to be handled by Woodlawn, Hruby said that staff are comfortable recommending council go ahead and accept ownership of the park. The lawyer representing the HOA said that Woodlawn had either completed or was in the process of completing final site preparation tasks including stabilizing the turf, placing bollard lights and replacing a utility box cover.

A representative of Woodlawn said that all the papers needing signing were ready and, in fact, could be signed as soon as a meeting could be scheduled.

A member of the homeowner's association, and resident of Greenbelt Station, Kristin Weaver, expressed the enthusiasm and excitement of the HOA board and of residents of the community that they would finally have a completed park for use. The timing, she said, was fortuitous because the HOA had scheduled their holiday party for the following Saturday and that given

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The News Review's Wild Ride On the Worldwide Web Side

by Cathie Meetre

Readers will be delighted to know that the immediate problem that dogged the website and caused it to be completely unavailable for about 36 hours during the week of the December 20 issue has been resolved. Longer-term concerns remain, but at least the site is once again visible and functional while they are tackled.

The News Review's faithful followers will know there's been a variety of turmoil with the newspaper's web presence. The following tale of misadventure explains it for those who are into the technical details.

1. Searched

Some months ago, having been unhappy for some time with the installed free search engine, the News Review contracted to replace it with a new paid one. After some searching, one was found that performed well. It worked quite well on the very oldest newspaper issues and even some for which the online file was of relatively poor quality. The News Review board heaved a collective sigh of relief and concentrated once again on the newspaper itself.

2. Not So Searched

All was well until November when fewer and fewer searches returned any results. After some mystified exploration by the newspaper's IT Team (a somewhat motley crew, to be sure), the search engine vendor revealed that, in fact, the package the News Review had purchased didn't cover searching PDF files and that, once the introductory three-month period was over, they had switched off the capability. The News Review

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Darius Foster proudly presents his work, hung in the airport gallery at Baltimore-Washington Airport. See story page 7.

Holiday Deadlines, Schedule Changes

Holiday Deadlines
New Year's Week Issue (dated Thursday, January 3) – Advertising and Copy Deadline: Sunday, December 30

Holiday Office Hours:
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All articles, photos, announcements and advertisements must be received no later than Sunday at 8 p.m., sooner if possible. Note that no additional material for these issues will be accepted after the stated deadlines.

The News Review is grateful for everyone's help in submitting advertisements and copy as early as possible. Email letters and stories to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com and send ads to ads@greenbeltnewsreview.com. If there are any questions, call 301-474-4131 or email the editor or ad desk.

Happy New Year's to all!

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Pete Reppert

"WAIT...IT'S ONLY BEEN ONE YEAR???"

Letters to the Editor

Holiday Decorations

Like many Greenbelters, I appreciate the holiday decorations that brighten the Roosevelt Center this time of year. However, I am also troubled by the fact that although they contain no overt religious symbols they are really only about the celebration of Christmas – decorated tree, lights strung and wrapping trees.

Many other religions and religious traditions are represented in Greenbelt: Judaism, Islam, Bahá'í, Buddhism, Hinduism, and there are Wiccan and other New Age practitioners focused on the Winter Solstice, too. It would feel more fitting in our diverse community if we could, throughout the year, showcase these traditions as well.

I am an ordained Christian minister, my husband is Jewish. As I walked through the Center during Hanukkah, I kept thinking, "Where is the menorah?" I have a Hindu friend who draws wonderful sidewalk representations of that faith's traditions. Why not ask him and others to create their own artistic, celebratory works?

Would this not be more in keeping with the spirit of Greenbelt?

Robin Hawley Gorsline
Editor's Note: The early 1970s saw the beginning of the city's involvement in celebrating the holidays. The ideas came from residents and the chosen name, Festival of Lights, was intended to include all religions, as most use light as a central theme in celebrations which occur around the solstice and are associated with the return of the sun.

Maglev's Enormous Infrastructure

We have expressed concerns before about the magnetic levitation (maglev) Project and the impact it would have on the environment and property values in Greenbelt and other communities. The maglev, which includes high-speed trains and the new infrastructure to support their operation, has been proposed by Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) to provide 15-minute trip service between Baltimore and Washington, D.C., with only one additional stop at the BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. The Final Alternatives Report, recently released by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), contains

new details that confirm our concerns. The report evaluates the two routes, which run parallel to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (BWP) as they pass through Greenbelt.

The report provides details about the new infrastructure, which we contend will destroy wildlife habitat and reduce property values in the impacted communities. According to the report, the maglev will require construction of deep tunnels, above-ground viaducts as tall as 140 feet, four power substations, vent plants located above the underground sections of the final route, a 241-acre rolling stock depot, other maintenance and/or ancillary facilities, and ingress/egress roads.

The selected route would be 33 to 36 miles long with 67 to 79 percent tunnel. The above-ground portion of the routes would cross or run on open and forested lands adjacent to the BWP and across wetland areas and other resource areas. Two to six trains per hour would be needed for the Baltimore to Washington service.

The FRA and MDOT consider these routes to be reasonable and recommend that they advance as alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The No Build Alternative, which we support, will also advance. One of the routes or the No Build Alternative will ultimately be selected.

Wildlife habitat, open space and forests, which affect our quality of life, should not be sacrificed just to get somewhere a few minutes faster. According to the 2018 World Wildlife Fund Living Planet Report, transportation is one of the common causes of habitat loss and degradation of natural areas. This report identifies infrastructure projects as one of the most common pressures causing deforestation and forest degradation.

Many people will be impacted by the maglev. Some have lived in their homes for many years and have built a sense of community in their neighborhoods. The maglev would forever change the character of these neighborhoods. In some neighborhoods the above-ground viaduct would pass within 65 to 80 feet of residences.

There are better alternatives. We would like to see investments in mass transit systems that serve all travelers, not just the elite

traveler, and that use only existing infrastructure to avoid the destruction of wildlife habitat, open space, forested lands and established communities. We contend the maglev will leave a negative legacy for future generations and we encourage people to read the Final Alternatives Report, which can be found at bwmaglev.info/index.php/project-documents/reports.

Brian and Donna Almquist

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City Notes

Public Works maintenance crews removed unwanted signs, repaired potholes, cleaned storm drains throughout the city and repaired the gravel path around the lake at Buddy Attick Park. In addition, they pruned trees throughout historic Greenbelt and continued curbside leaf pickup in Lakewood and in Greenspring I and II. Public Works posted a Christmas tree collection map on the city's website.

Greenbelt's Mamas and Papas hosted a holiday gathering at the Youth Center. Mom's Morning Out parents attended a conference in mid-December to review student progress with Gaye Houchens, pre-school director.

At the Aquatic & Fitness Center, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and the GAFC teamed up to collect new, unwrapped toys to distribute to local families during the holidays. By December 19, 123 toys had been collected.

Therapeutic recreation reported that 23 seniors were served a special holiday dinner. Eighty-four seniors were served hot meals during the week of December 17 to 21.

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Community Events

Annual Bird Count On New Year’s Day

How many bird species spend the winter with us? Which species are in decline here, and which are increasing? Since 1900, volunteers have conducted the National Audubon Society’s Christmas Bird Count each year, working as citizen scientists to gather data and answer questions about the natural world. In Prince George’s County, members of Prince George’s Audubon Society and the Patuxent Bird Club have been counting since 1972.

Greenbelt and vicinity lie within the area covered for the Bowie Christmas Bird Count. This year’s count will be on New Year’s Day, with volunteers meeting at 7:30 a.m. at both the Greenbelt Lake parking lot and the Lake Artemesia parking lot.

Volunteers can also join later in the day or count birds at their own house feeder. Contact John Stith at 301-502-3634 to make arrangements.

No experience is necessary, but bring binoculars if possible. Counting will be done on trails and streets. Volunteers can stay for as little or as long as they wish. Some volunteers will go

out to lunch together at 11:30 a.m. at Generous Joe’s Deli.



At the Library

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) branches will be closed from Sunday, December 30 through Tuesday, January 1 for the New Year’s holiday. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Wednesday, January 2 at 10 a.m.

Weekly Storytimes

Wednesday, January 2: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, January 3: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 30 people.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Monday, January 7, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Volunteer and work together to make the library a better place for teens by talking about books, music, movies and suggesting what teens would like to see in the collection. Registration required; contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. Prince George’s County Public Schools student participants may earn service learning hours. (TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.)

English Conversation Club

Tuesday, January 8, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. The club meets weekly on Tuesday evenings.

Kids Achieve Club

Wednesday, January 9, 4:30 p.m. Mentoring, reading and homework help for students in grades 1 to 6. This club meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons.



Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, January 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

Thoughtful Discussion At MakerSpace, Jan. 8

When is it bad to be true to ourselves? Should thee “to thine own self be true” if the better angels of your nature don’t have a voting majority in the counsel of your psyche? The thoughtful discussion group that meets at the MakerSpace on Tuesday evenings will take up the topic on January 8 at 7 p.m., after a two-week hiatus for the Christmas and New Year’s holidays. Those interested in discussion and cheerful banter are welcome to attend.



Arts Board Meets

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet next on Tuesday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in Room 112 of the Community Center.

Free Community Art Drop-in on January 6

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to a community art drop-in on Sunday, January 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free and reservations are not required. The event takes place at the Community Center.

Kathy Karlson, an artist in residence at the Community Center, will lead a painting party. Paint clouds, trees, waves and other forms according to your own inspiration using drawing and color wash techniques. All materials will be provided.

While there, visitors may see the current art gallery exhibit, The View Within and Without: Painting and Collage by Sylvie van Helden. The show features selections from two series. Van Helden’s “Hashtag Mandala” paintings each bring together 12 Instagram users’ images culled through exhaustive hashtag searches of words with spiritual connotations. The Legend of the Koi is based on an ancient Chinese tale about perseverance that guided a personal journey through grief.

Also check out the Museum’s current exhibit at the Community Center, The Knowing Hands That Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the iconic Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center. From 1 to 5 p.m. enjoy a guided tour of the Museum’s historic house across the street at 10-B Crescent Road for a small admission fee.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit greenbeltnmd.gov/arts or call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Davies’ Paintings Currently on Display

There will be an opening reception on Sunday, January 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. for Greenbelt artist Sally Davies’ exhibit Point of View at the Maryland Milestones Heritage Center, located at 4318 Gallatin Street in Hyattsville. The paintings in this exhibit are part of her series of landscapes with unusual vantage points. “In this current political world of insular countries and self-protectionism, I want to show our planet as one whole place, a community. Aside from recognizable architectural clues for a specific place, the people in my paintings look so familiar. They are doing ordinary things, like going to work, taking kids to school, cycling home and meeting with friends. I want to show that common bond of humanity throughout the world.”

Sally Davies has lived and worked in Prince George’s County for over 20 years. Originally from England, she studied illustration and graphic design at Sheridan College in Canada. Her illustrations have been published in magazines, cookbooks, menus, textbooks, posters and 14 children’s books in Canada and the U.S. Her award-winning illustrations are done with ink line and bright watercolor washes. The exhibit is currently on display and will run through February 28.

For more information contact info@anacostiarttrails.org.



GHI Notes

Friday, December 28, 12:00 noon, Office Closed, Emergency Maintenance Service available at 301-474-6011

Tuesday January 1, office closed, New Year’s Day, Emergency Maintenance Service available at 301-474-6011

Wednesday, January 2, 7:00 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force, Board Room

Thursday, January 3, 10:00 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force, Board Room

Thursday, January 3, 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, January 5, 11:00 a.m., Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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Unknown Odor Alert Brings Five-Company Response

by Sue Krofchik

First responders from five jurisdictions were dispatched to Greenbelt Park Apartments on Crescent Road near Southway on Sunday, December 23 at approximately 2:30 p.m. in response to a report of an odor in a base-

ment laundry room. No one was hurt in the incident. Apparatus on the scene included aerial trucks from Berwyn Heights and West Lanham Hills and engines from Greenbelt, Riverdale Heights and College Park.



Firefighters from Greenbelt and surrounding communities respond to an alarm due to an unknown odor coming from a laundry room. There was no fire and no one was hurt.



Photos by Gary Childs



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Content warning: this show contains: themes of gun violence, and suicide; and gunfire.

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Environmental Impact Study due to be concluded in late 2019 or early 2020.

Council expressed its opposition to the proposed maglev several times during the year. In late January, council wrote a letter to Prince George’s County Executive Rushern Baker, urging him to oppose the project. At the annual legislative dinner in December, council urged Greenbelt’s county and state elected representatives to oppose it. In April, Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail representatives appeared before council and many city residents to answer questions and objections to the project. Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice has been active in 2018 spreading information about the train, coordinating letter-writing campaigns, collecting signatures of those opposed and participating in protests against maglev. The News Review’s letters to the editor has become a lively forum for airing both the pros and the cons of the project.

16 Year Olds Vote

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) submitted a thoughtful and well-documented petition to the city council in July 2015 recommending that 16- and 17-year-olds residing in Greenbelt be allowed to join their peers in Takoma Park and Hyattsville in having the right to vote in municipal elections.

The long impasse on the issue broke loose following a meeting in July 2017 when YAC members urged council to adopt a resolution to change the charter rather than placing the matter on the ballot as a referendum question. At the August meeting that followed, however, only three councilmembers (Davis, Herling and Mach) voted to support adoption of the change, while the other four (Jordan, Pope, Putens and Roberts) took the position that council should base its vote on the will of the voters. With a 53 percent vote in support of lowering the voting age, the councilmembers who attended the January 2018 meeting (Byrd, Jordan, Mach and Roberts) voted unanimously to support the charter amendment resolution.

It was a long process for the students who saw this effort through, with an extraordinary level of maturity, professionalism and political savvy. Ema Smith, then in the role of chair of YAC, Findley Holland, Julia Sharapi, Hunter Whaples and all the other committee members who stuck with it are themselves the story of several years.

Franklin Park Fire

Fourteen adults and six children were displaced after a two-alarm fire tore through an apartment building in Franklin Park on the afternoon of Friday, July 27. The fire broke out shortly before 1 p.m. at 9004 Breezewood Terrace, near Beltway Plaza and Greenbelt Middle School, and caused roughly \$250,000 in damage. Eleven apartments were gutted, nine of which were occupied at the time. Additionally, two apartments in a neighboring building suffered water and smoke damage and the residents of those units were among the displaced. No residents or first responders suffered injuries and at one point, over 75 firefighters were on the scene. Smoke from the fire could be seen throughout Greenbelt.

In the aftermath, local residents rallied round to help and the Red Cross was active in housing. Franklin Park’s management See TOP STORIES, page 7

Stream Restoration Planned Near University Square Apts.

by Diane Oberg

If all goes according to plan, come June contractors for the Prince George’s County Department of the Environment (DOE) will begin an outfall and stream restoration project northwest of the basketball court at University Square apartments. The Greenbelt City Council received a briefing from Adeel Malik, senior engineer at the DOE, on Monday, December 3.

The agreement between the city and DOE will likely be placed upon the agenda of a January council meeting for approval, Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby said.

This work is one of five outfall restoration pilot projects the DOE is undertaking. The work is expected to take four to six months, including restoration, inspections and closeout actions. The project is funded by the same county stormwater tax as the forebay restoration projects last year. The project will be fully funded by the county, which will also be responsible for all future maintenance. While the overall plan was discussed at this meeting, some details, such as work hours and minimizing the impact on traffic in and out of Belle Point, will not be available until the preconstruction meeting is held next year.

The outfall is located between University Square and Pinecrest Court. All access will be through Lakecrest Drive. Roughly 0.78 acres will be disturbed. Construction equipment will not be placed upon private property although some equipment may be stored on city-owned property in the area.

Current Conditions

Malik said that the outfall itself is in relatively good con-

dition. However, the evaluation observed significant erosion in the adjacent stream, which feeds into Greenbelt Lake. As a result, instead of the 25 linear feet initially identified, 465 linear feet will now be restored, taking it all the way to the lake forebay.

The project is expected to eliminate streambed and bank erosion and improve water quality in Greenbelt Lake. The contractors will be using natural materials for the restoration and will not install any concrete or other manmade structures.

Malik said that the county will replant many more trees, plants and shrubs than are removed.

Similar to the project a few years ago along Hillside Road, the restored stream will have eight ponds along its path. These are intended to slow stormwater down to reduce the amount of erosion. A number of trees will be removed including some sizable ones but according to Malik, the trees they are removing would eventually be undercut and fall into the stream. Some already have exposed roots.

Beavers

There are beavers living in the area that will be disturbed. Malik expects that they will relocate themselves during construction. Once the project is complete, the beavers may return, as they have done after previous projects.



Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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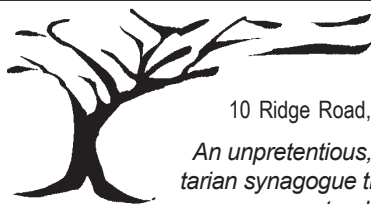
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the good news that the agreement would be signed within the next day or two, the party could be moved from a private home to the park itself. The park would be the perfect Christmas present for the community.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked if the area included features such as landscaping, beyond the turf that had been planted, and pet waste stations. Hruby confirmed that yes, those things had all been done. Davis and other councilmembers urged Weaver and other HOA representatives present to work with Greenbelt Recreation to collaborate on the ways in which the city could provide resources and support for future Greenbelt Station events held in the new park.



Nominations Sought For Art Advocate

Nominations are open for the Sue Hess Maryland Arts Advocate of the Year Award. Every year, Maryland Citizens for the Arts honors a Marylander who has dedicated time and effort to building the arts community. The award is named for Sue Hess, who was the first chair of the board of trustees and the longest serving member of the organization. Nominations for the statewide award are due by noon on Friday, January 11. To learn more, go to mdarts.org/md-arts-community/sue-hess-maryland-arts-advocate-of-the-year-award.

Free Cancer Screening At Doctors Hospital

Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings, Professional Office Building, Suite 110. Women who reside in Prince George’s County may qualify if they have a photo ID, are ages 40 or older, are uninsured or underinsured or have a limited income. An appointment is required.

Free Colorectal Cancer Screening Program, North Building, 4th Floor. Colon or colorectal cancer is often preventable and curable. Prince George’s County residents may qualify for a no-cost colonoscopy if they are aged 50 or older, aged 50 or younger with a family history of colorectal cancer and uninsured or underinsured. An appointment is required.

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City Information & Events

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of December 10, 2018, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until January 19, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City’s Web site at www.greenbeltnmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on January 29, 2019, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2018-1
Resolution No. 2069

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, “Corporation-Municipal,” Subtitle “Home Rule” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 16(A), Titled “Appointments” to Expand the Number of Members

Purpose: To amend the City Charter to expand the Board of Elections number of members from five (5) to seven (7).

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-3870 or banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Tuesday, January 1st, in observance of the New Year’s Holiday.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 31th
Monday Route – Regular Schedule
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 4th.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Tuesday, January 1st.

GREENBELT RECREATION ACTIVITY GUIDE

WINTER 2019

Your quarterly guide to Greenbelt Recreation Activities, Classes, Facilities, and Programs.

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Check out our Winter 2019 Recreation Activity Guide for gift ideas
Or call Greenbelt Recreation, 301-397-2200, for more information

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Greenbelt Nursery Project

SPACES ARE LIMITED!
REGISTER FOR SPRING 2019

CONTACT
Katherine Farzin,
Community Outreach Coordinator
kfarzin@greenbeltnmd.gov
Office (240) 542-2019
¡Se habla español!

FREE DIAPERS!

A FREE program open to low-income families with children ages newborn to 2 years old, who wear diapers or pull ups & live in the city limits of Greenbelt.

FEATURES INCLUDED:

• Receive up to 4 home visits (one visit every other week) from nursing students.

• Home visits are scheduled between 7:00AM-1:00PM on Wednesdays only. Nurses will call families to schedule the first home visit.

FREE SERVICES OFFERED:

• Diapers, Formula, Baby Accessories monthly

• Baby Wellness Nursing Assessment

• Baby Milestone Progress Review

• Information/Resource Linkage

• Healthy Eating Education

• Fresh Produce/ food items delivered once

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee of Education, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a Closed Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 8:00 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building to: 1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and 2) to consult with legal counsel.

The purpose of this meeting will be: 1) Personnel matters -Public Works, Police, Recreation and Planning and Community Development; and 2) Consult with legal counsel-litigation: Long, VKM, To God be the Glory/Booker/Ager/Wells/Proctor Bankruptcy, Carson Bankruptcy, Booker Bankruptcy; pending litigation-Maglev

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

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COMMUNITY ART DROP-IN DAY

Sunday, January 6, 1pm-3pm. FREE.

Greenbelt Community Center

All ages welcome. Materials provided.

Painting party with Artist in Residence Kathy Karlson. Experiment with techniques for painting clouds and trees, using washes and lines.

Free Greenbelt Community Nursing Program

A partnership between Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program

Open to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ who reside within incorporated City limits.

Beginning Wednesday, January 16th

• Participants will receive up to 6 home visits from student nurses.

• Home visits will be scheduled weekly, on Wednesdays, between 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

• Student nurses will call the client to schedule the first home visit.

Free services offered include: Bathing Assistance, Blood Sugar Monitoring & Assistance with Finger Sticks, Health Education, Vital Signs Monitoring, Patient Advocacy with Health Care Professionals, Medication Management...and more.

Contact Sharon Johnson, GAIL Community Case Manager, to register: 240-542-2029 OR sjohnson@greenbeltnmd.gov

* SPACE IS LIMITED*

WINTER GED COURSE INFORMATION

January 7-March 27, 2019

Registration and first class will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at the SPRINGHILL LAKE Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770 from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Students should bring pencil, pen, and a notebook. Students must be at least 16 years of age and have withdrawn from school in order to take the GED course. They are also required to show proof of residency (i.e. current lease, phone or electric bill, driver’s license or Motor Vehicle I.D. card).

Students are required to purchase a copy of the GED textbook, calculator and test-taking materials for \$45 (purchased from Greenbelt CARES). There is no registration fee for GREENBELT RESIDENTS. There is a \$175 registration fee for Non-Greenbelt residents.

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Crofton, Maryland 21114
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District Heights, Maryland 20747
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Laurel, Maryland 20707
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(Primary Care, Family Medicine and Endocrinology)
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Riverdale, Maryland 20737
301-927-0088

Doctors Community Practices at Temple Hills
(Primary Care and Family Medicine)
5859 Allentown Way
Temple Hills, Maryland 20728
240-563-1026

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(Primary Care and Family Medicine)
8116 Good Luck Road, Suite 300
Lanham, Maryland 20706
240-241-7474

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coordinated support for the displaced residents. The fire was so fierce and fast that even those residents who were home had no time to retrieve their possessions and many lost everything.



Fire at Franklin Park destroys 11 apartments.

New Police Chief

Richard (Rick) Bowers was sworn in as Greenbelt’s new police chief on August 27. Tom Kemp had served as acting chief since the retirement in October 2016 of James Craze, who had been Greenbelt’s police chief since 1987.

Bowers has over 25 years of law enforcement experience, most recently in Takoma Park, where he worked his way up the ranks from sergeant to acting chief. He has a reputation for ethical behavior which he instills in his officers. Bowers is currently putting together strategies for hiring new police officers to fill some of the long-standing vacancies on Greenbelt’s police force.

ICE Policy

For years, it was assumed within city government that although Greenbelt had never designated itself as a Sanctuary City or formally discussed establishing a policy on cooperation with Federal immigration agencies, there was nonetheless a shared understanding regarding the acceptance and respect due to all residents of the city regardless of their citizenship or immigration status. In fact, it had been discussed so much informally that some councilmembers thought a policy had been incorporated into the Police Department’s General Orders. With the onset of the current administration in Washington and its greater interest in undocumented immigrants came a need for unequivocal understanding of policy and procedure for the police regarding response to requests from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to hold undocumented immigrants under ICE detainees. A worksession was held in July in which Interim Police Chief Thomas Kemp and Captain Gordon Pracht met with the city council to discuss the department’s policy. The approach the city council wished to see adopted was the one already put into place by county district commanders and nearby municipalities, which was to take no action with regard to individuals who have only ICE detainees against them. An ICE detainer in itself carries no implication of criminal behavior. In making its choices, council reviewed material from the Maryland State Attorney General giving guidance to municipalities regarding local enforcement of Federal immigration law. None of this process was free from disagreement, sometimes heated, both among councilmembers and also from organizations and individuals who were not satisfied that city protections were going far enough. The council vote was only 4-2 to support the Police Department policy (Order 365) as written. While there will be future chapters to this story, the policy developed is now in force and available in English and Spanish on the Police Department section of the city website at greenbeltmd.gov.

DACA Visit

In other Greenbelt related immigration news, in February, six Greenbelt families opened their homes to 25 marchers on the Journey to Stay Home march on their way to Washington. They were a group of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients who, along with immigration advocates and others marched from New York City to Washington to advocate for DACA in front of the Supreme Court on March 1. The Greenbelt stop was organized by a former Eleanor Roosevelt High School student who worked through a local cross-denominational group. The guests plus their hosts shared a meal at the New Deal Café.

School Board Election

In a hard-fought race, Lupi Grady, elected only four years previously in a race against board incumbent Peggy Higgins, was ousted from her school board seat by challenger Joshua Thomas. Grady ran on her experience with local schools as a parent of two students and her four years in office but her campaign was apparently no match for the energy displayed by Thomas, who went door to door throughout the community and whose signs outnumbered Grady’s significantly.

Thomas, who graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, ran a campaign that stressed his experience of being a student in the county school system and his teaching experience in the Teach for America program. He stated that he



Joshua Thomas

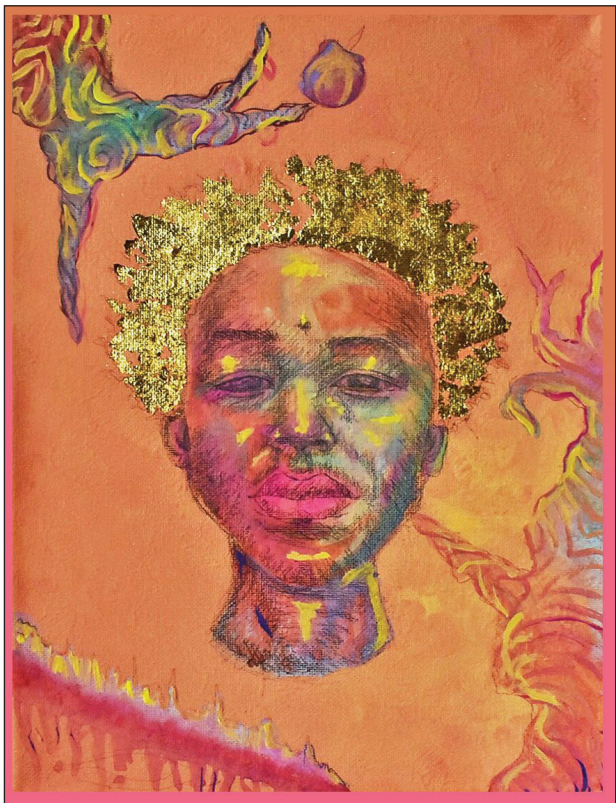
ERHS Student Self-Portraits On Display at BWI Airport

The Maryland Art Education Association and Thurgood Marshall Baltimore-Washington International Airport partnered to present a juried youth exhibit in the Youth Art Gallery of BWI. The theme was The Many Faces of Maryland. A total of 24 portraits were hung in the show, including three Prince George’s County Public Schools student works selected from more than 130 submissions. Self-portraits by Darius Foster, Victoria Lewis and Vivian Chan, all Eleanor Roosevelt High School students are included in the show. A reception was held on December 1 to honor these outstanding students.

Vivian Chan created this dreamscape self portrait, one of three ERHS art works selected for an exhibition in the gallery of BWI Airport.



Photos courtesy of the ERHS Art Department



Darius Foster of ERHS created this colorful and energetic portrait entitled Golden Afro.



ERHS student artist Victoria Lewis

Victoria Lewis's work, entitled Star Child, is on display at BWI Airport.



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New at Greenbelt Makerspace
Home School Makers! for 3-5th graders
Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:30-11:30am (starts Jan. 8)
make125.org/2018/11/home-school-makers



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knew firsthand how hard it was to teach in an underfunded school and that he felt qualified to be a voice for teachers and students.

Greenbelt Station Trails

Completion and frustration marked efforts to construct trails to connect the new Greenbelt Station South Core community to other parts of Greenbelt. In January, the Greenbelt City Council accepted the new Indian Creek Stream Valley Trail for city maintenance. The trail connects this development to Cherrywood Lane at Beltway Plaza with an asphalt path and a crossing of Indian Creek with a wooden bridge.

However, construction of a needed-now temporary trail to connect the new homes to the Metro Station remains uncertain. In April, council was told of all the unresolved issues, including inadequate funding. Subsequently, council budgeted \$500,000 additional funds. In November, council learned that another \$900,000 would be needed, based upon rough estimates, as design work had yet to begin, in large part due to extensive construction requirements of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for work on the station property. Council was also told that it would take almost two years just to get the 15 permits required.

News Review News

The News Review experienced an editorial change this year. As 2018 began, Mary Lou Williamson expressed her desire to retire from the editorship of the newspaper, a position she had held for almost 50 years. The shock waves were palpable. As best it could, the newspaper’s board put together a list of attributes desired and set off in pursuit of a candidate. To everybody’s delight, the search committee received several excellent applications and all would have made an excellent choice. One candidate, however, stood out by virtue of background, writing skills, availability and overall approach to the job.



Mary Lou Williamson holds the presentation book from the News Review staff, with Sandra Lange looking on.



Mary Lou Williamson with family members
Front from left: Brant Jolly, Alex Jolly, Mary Lou Williamson, Tolu Kolade, Sophia Kean
Back from left: Meredith Jolly, Carolyn Jolly, Foluke Kolade, Kayode Kolade, Til Jolly and Katie Jolly

diplomatic leader, able to move the paper into some uncharted territory (a sports page and some articles translated into Spanish) as well as maintaining the standards to which the paper has always adhered of fairness, local interest and community service. Although he regrets that the newspaper eschews the Oxford comma, so dear to the heart of the federal government, he has espoused not only the traditions of the paper but has joined enthusiastically in the gradual modernization that has been in process now for several years.

As for Williamson, as she has for decades, she appears at the office on Tuesday evenings to continue to place her stamp on the upcoming issue and coach the editorial staff on the characteristic style of the News Review.

Williamson dedicated her retirement event to the pursuit of a new goal – the archiving of the News Review’s back issues. The new archive, which will be ingested into the Library of Congress and Internet Archive, adheres to modern standards that will allow the issues from 1937 through 2002 to be almost as searchable as later issues ‘born digital’ as PDFs. The retirement event successfully raised over \$12,000 towards this goal. As a result, the Greenbelt Archive Project opened its doors in September and is moving steadily towards its goal of digitizing over 60 years of newspapers.

Dem Champion Raider Boyz

Dem Raider Boyz Step Squad entered this year’s May national championship competition as national champs in 2014, 2016 and 2017. This year, they earned the title again, their fourth year as national champions. With four wins, Dem Raider Boyz currently

New ERHS Parking Lot System Redirects Storm Water Runoff

This fall, Eleanor Roosevelt High School’s parking lot had a Micro Bioretention Device added to help stop water pollution from runoff which carries nitrogen, phosphorus and trash. The runoff from rainwater and snow melt used to flow into the Chesapeake Bay. Now the pollutants are slowed by systems like that at the high school, which sends the water through a filter bed mixture of sand, soil and organic matter.

Photos by Steve Bucca



The high school's completed landscape to help prevent water pollution

Construction of a filtration system at ERHS will help keep pollutants out of the storm water systems.

At the New Deal Café

Thursday, December 27 will feature Snakehead Run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This band specializes in authentic blues jug and string band music that you might have heard on a street corner or juke joint in New Orleans, Memphis, or Louisville early in the last century.

Friday, December 28 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. come for the "Music Maker" Jam Session. Bring your instruments, your voice, and your passion for making music together in a casual/informal and supportive atmosphere. All ages and experiences welcome to participate. From 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Fast Eddie and the Slow Pokes will perform their blend of Chicago, West Coast, Swing and Jump Blues peppered with Soul.

Saturday, December 29 will feature Moose Jaw from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. This 5 piece bluegrass cooperative hailing from the foggy hollers of the DC metropolitan area combines hard-hitting originals, eclectic covers, and driven bluegrass favorites to create a unique and energetic sound.

Sunday, December 30, come from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Weekly Deaf Group Brunch Meeting. Deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language. Newcomers welcome! In the evening, Cadillac Jump Blues Band will play from 7 to 9 p.m. They perform a variety of Blues styles, from the down home and raw Blues of postwar Chicago, to lively, up-tempo Swing and Jump Blues.

The New Deal Café will be closed Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1 for the New Year's Holiday.

On Wednesday, January 2, InToneNation will present classic and roots rock from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, January 3, 2019
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- A. GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m.
- Approve Motion to hold an Executive Session Meeting on January 3, 2019
- B. GDC Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session meeting adjourns
- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting held on October 18, 2018
 - Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting held on November 1, 2018
 - Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting held on November 15, 2018
- C. GHI Executive Session – begins after the GDC Executive Session meeting adjourns
- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting held on December 6, 2018
 - Member Financial Matters
 - 2019 Contract for Exterior Repairs to Masonry Units -1st Reading
- D. GDC Open Session – begins at 7.45 p.m.
- Approve Minutes of Open Session Meeting held on November 1, 2018
 - Approve Minutes of Open Session Meeting held on November 15, 2018
 - Review Strategic Action Plan and Decide on Priorities for Remainder of Board Year
 - Item of Information: Status of Leases at Parkway Apartments
- E. GHI Open Session Meeting – begins after the GDC Open Session meeting adjourns
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting held on December 6, 2018
 - Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting held on December 6, 2018
 - Proposed Purchase of a Vehicle for the Maintenance Department – 2nd Reading
 - Request for Exception to GHI Rule IX.B.3 to Install Proposed Shed at 45-E Ridge Rd.
 - Request for Exception to GHI Rule IX.C.4 to Install Proposed Shed at 12-K Plateau Place
 - DMA Inc. Revisions to the Replacement Reserves Report for Frame Homes
 - Review Strategic Action Plan and Decide on Priorities for Remainder of Board Year



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website: www.ghi.coop

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault
December 12, 2:25 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 9-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for assault after he allegedly choked another youth. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

December 13, 3:47 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A woman on a school bus observed several youngsters no longer on the bus getting ready to fight. She got off the bus and attempted to break up the group, which then left the area. As the woman walked away, she was punched from behind by one in the group, who then fled on foot. She is described as being black, with hair in a shoulder-length bush, wearing a pink sweater and blue jeans.

December 17, 4 p.m., Kenilworth Avenue near Greenbelt Road. A gold 4-door vehicle, possibly a Nissan Maxima bearing Md. tags, pulled alongside a school bus and pointed a silver handgun into the air. He then fled east on Greenbelt Road.

December 17, 5:25 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 38-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with second degree assault and trespass after he refused to leave Beltway Plaza after having been told to do so by agents of the property. He then assaulted an officer and was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Unattended Child
December 18, 5:18 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 40-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with unattended child after she allegedly left a 1-year-old child alone in a vehicle with another child who was too young to care for the 1-year-old. She was released on citation pending trial.

DWI/DUI
December 12, 11:25 p.m., 100 block Greenhill Road. A 32-year-old resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related charges during investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

Theft
December 12, 4 p.m., 7200 block South Ora Court. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

December 12, 6:50 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence. Video surveillance showed two boys, approximately 15 years in age, one wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants with white designs on the knees and black shoes, and the other youth with black pants, a red hooded sweatshirt, gray bubble-type jacket and white shoes.

December 16, 2:35 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken at Ross Dress for Less. A credit card in the purse was later used to make unauthorized purchases.

Burglary
December 16, 1:05 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A deadbolt was damaged in an attempt to force entry into a residence. It was not gained.

December 17, 2 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A video console power cord was taken from a residence after the bedroom window was broken out.

December 18, 9:40 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A door at ID Communications was forced open and money was removed from a cash register.

Vandalism
December 17, 9:40 a.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A manager at Capital One reported that a man entered the bank and demanded to see someone regarding his account. He became irate, threw a bank-owned notebook computer to the ground and then fled. The computer was broken.

Rogue and Vagabond
December 14, 6200 block Springhill Drive. Two 21-year-old nonresidents were arrested and charged with rogue and vagabond and theft after one of them was observed rifling through a parked vehicle as the other stood nearby. Both attempted to flee but were detained by officers. Both suspects were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vehicle Crime
Tires and rims were taken from one vehicle each in the 8400 block Canning Terrace, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace and 6100 block Springhill Court.

Vandalism was reported in the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, where a foreign substance was poured into the gas tank of a vehicle.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.
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What's on this week?

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Greenbelt Community Calendar

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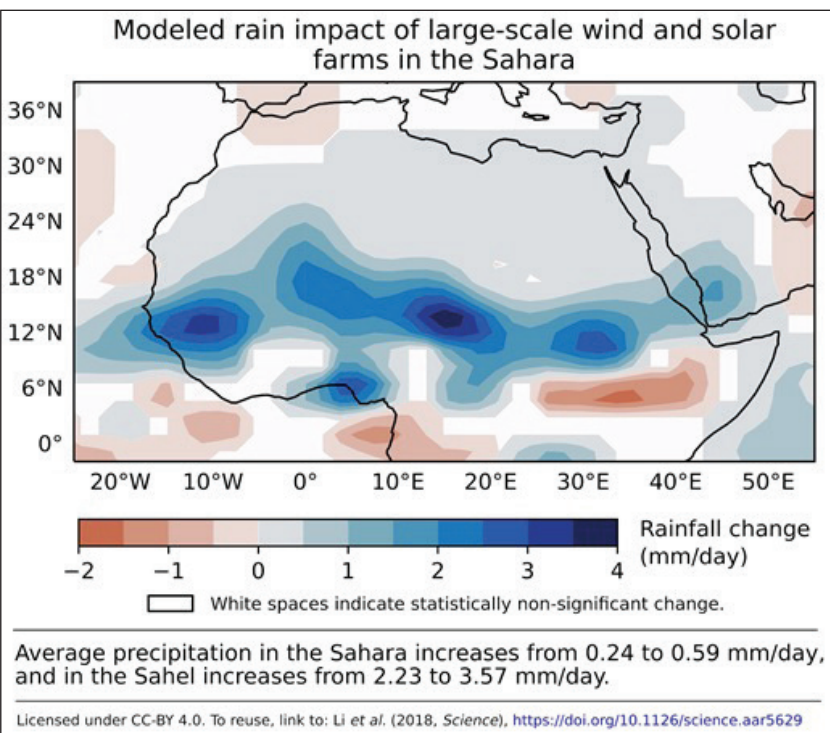
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up the moisture, and rains. In 1975, Kalnay's advisor Jule Charney described the feedback loop that leads to desertification; overgrazing of vegetation in the Sahel creates pale soil. Light colored soil reflects the sunlight back up without heating up the ground. There is less heat released into the air. Air is no longer driven up to higher levels of the atmosphere, which no longer gives up moisture. Less precipitation means the remaining vegetation is further reduced and the whole process increases (a positive feedback) leading to drought.

The roughness, or friction, of the ground is also important in the movement of the air and is part of another feedback loop, which was described in 1985 by Y.C. Sud. This is where Kalnay came in. "About 10 years ago, I had the idea that this feedback would work in the opposite direction in the presence of the large arrays of solar panels and wind turbines, and thus increase the precipitation," she said. Kalnay's idea is that dark solar panels would act as dark soil and heat the air, and the wind farm would help create friction and move the warm air up. The idea sounded good but she needed someone to build a complex computer model. She had worked with University of Maryland postdoctoral researcher Yan Li, but she didn't know if he would be interested. She explained a little bit at a time as they went from College Park back to Greenbelt. "I would ride home on the same bus he was on," she said. "I took several days to discuss it with him."

When Li signed on, they invited several other experts to collaborate and started designing the model. They looked at the interactions of the wind, the sun, the change in the ground cover and resulting changes to the local ecosystems.

Results
Their paper, titled "Climate model shows large-scale wind and solar farms in the Sahara in-



With an array of solar panels and wind turbines, the computer predicted that the Sahara would get more rain.

crease rain and vegetation," proposes a system that would solve the world's energy needs. In the model, the Saharan desert array of solar and wind turbines would be on a swath of land almost as large as the continental United States. The energy production would be four times the current total world usage. Equally thrilling was the fact that the array would help stop desertification. "Our model results show that large-scale solar and wind farms in the Sahara would more than double the precipitation in the Sahara," said Li. Kalnay acknowledges that double of very little rainfall is still very little. However, the southern edge of the Sahara, the region known as the Sahel, would get more rain. The Sahel had once been wetter but has been in a drought for decades. Kalnay said the model indicates that "the rain would increase by three times as much as the drought has decreased it." And, according to the computer model they used, the increase would come within about five years of the project's completion. When the study came out in September, Kalnay fielded questions about whether this project was science fiction. She answered that it would only be science

fiction if the technology didn't already exist. But the systems needed are already out there and do work. Co-author Jorge Rivas, a political scientist, explained that solar and wind power projects in Africa and the Middle East are already being built. "This renewable electricity could be transported to regions a few thousand kilometers away, and long-distance transmission lines have already existed in Africa and elsewhere for decades." Their paper was listed as one of the top 100 science papers of the year, according to Altmetric, a data science company that created this list starting in 2013. For Kalnay, having others see that the idea is not simply a fantasy is thrilling. And she hopes it gives people a direction for their work to save the planet. "We can stop the source of climate change," she said. "And we can provide more resources for people in the poorest region in the world. The World Bank and the Bank of Africa are both very interested and the World Bank invited us to give a talk about our paper." The abstract for the article in Science can be seen at: science.sciencemag.org/content/361/6406/1019

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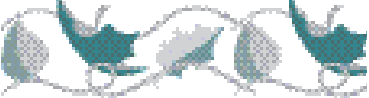
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was officially aghast. Out of the approximately 4,500 files that should be included in the search, approximately 4,419 are PDFs. The website was searching only a few non-PDF files that contained the list of newspaper dates – one file for each year of publication. Of course, had it been clear that the PDFs weren’t included, the package wouldn’t have been considered in the first place. Adding the capability to search PDFs was triple the cost of the more mundane version.

Happily, the vendor was helpful and turned the search back on without additional charges. Unlike many more volatile sites, GreenbeltNewsReview.com needs only the very newest file to be searched because the back issues don’t change. The website, once indexed, doesn’t soak up too many CPU cycles.

3. Hacked

Shortly afterwards, the site was hacked. As hacks go, it was pretty harmless and as there is no personal information or accounting information, the concern was that clicking on the links appearing on the site might result in troubles to the public. To avert this, the News Review engaged a vendor of website security to clean up the site and implement a plug-in to monitor the site. Another huge sigh of relief. Business as usual.

4. Missing

Fast forward a few days to the issue of December 20. With no apparent warning, the site went down on Wednesday, December 19 – the worse possible day with a new issue looming. Unavailable. Gone. Error 503. Not only was the site itself out of action, the WordPress access to it was unreachable so no corrections could be made. Catch 22. The obvious first approach was the possibility of a problem with the hosting site, which is where all the action takes place. The first clue this was correct was when the hosting provider denied any knowledge of the News Review. After some arm-twisting, a Chat Person agreed that actually, yes, they did host the site. It transpired that the hosting provider had been sternly rebuking the News Review for some time about its over-use of CPU – but the messages had all gone to the billing account email address and not to those who agonize over such things. It is certainly true that invoking the nuclear option brought attention to bear on the problem though, alas, the hosting provider didn’t immediately warm to the technical types because they didn’t have the business account credentials. Working through that took another several hours and delayed resolution substantially. To its credit, however, the hosting provider (hearing the tale of woe and believing the paper’s fervent pledges to be reformed characters going forward) let the News Review back into its site. Whereupon, steps were indeed immediately taken to reduce the load on the CPU.

The Truth

It seems pretty certain that the overuse of the CPU was caused by the malware scanner chewing through a complete duplicate set of files that had arrived (inadvertently) early in the summer during the installation of the new search engine. Making it worse, the malware scanner was still running when indexing was restarted for the lapsed search

engine – so both heavy hitters were going on at once. The CPU went through the roof and the rest is history.

The Way Forward

A file purge will shortly be underway to create a leaner site and everybody concerned has learned a thing or two from the experience – however unwellcome. Meanwhile the site is being monitored and should remain up and running.


Grateful thanks to Tom Jones who figured most of it out and to Beth Tindall who responded promptly to offer her expertise and assistance as a result of our plea to the Greenbelt Community. Kudos also to the vendors who, when it came down to the wire, helped the newspaper restore sanity.

GreenbeltNewsReview is now up and running with full functionality and will hopefully remain so even while we are working to revamp it to be more robust and less profligate of resources. If you are still receiving messages that the site has malware, try clearing your cache before retrying – sometimes the malware detectors don’t update.

No personal information is requested with the exception of contact information for ads and volunteering. As with any site, use caution in following links.

If you see a link advertising apparel or any kind of merchandise on the site itself, it isn’t the News Review – let the newspaper know what you found at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com (a copy of the page makes rogue content easier to find).

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Boxwood Village Water Project

January saw the resolution of a complicated proposal by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to replace water mains leading from the water storage tank on Ridge Road, in order to provide reliable water service to the city, reduce water turn-offs in Boxwood Village and eliminate water line easements through some Boxwood Village lots. A new main on a partially-dedicated portion of Ridge Road was tunneled to preserve trees while staying within existing right-of-way. With city permit in hand, construction took place in summer.

Restaurant News

Dining options diversified in 2018 for Greenbelters and others coming to the Roosevelt Center to see a movie, listen to music or shop. At the New Deal Café the menu shifted to vegan when Michael and Leah Moon took charge of the kitchen in July. The Moons, who also run DC Vegan Catering, serve plant-based, Italian American cuisine that can satisfy any palate.

In October, Greenbelters welcomed back Karim Kmaiha and Maria Almeida, who operated the New Deal kitchen between 2008 and 2016. Their new restaurant, Cedars of Lebanon, opened in the space formerly occupied by Curves (and Bank of America before that). The restaurant serves the Middle Eastern dishes that past customers enjoyed plus some new ones as well. A lottery win in October 2016 gave the couple a jump start on developing the new restaurant.



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Greenbelt Station Celebrates Holidays in Its New Park

by Kristen Weaver

The Greenbelt Station neighborhood was thrilled to be able to use their central park for its first official event, a holiday party on Saturday, December 15, organized by the Activities Committee of the homeowners association. About 130 Greenbelt Station residents braved the rainy weather to celebrate the holidays in a heated and (reasonably) dry tent, the biggest turnout

for a neighborhood event in the neighborhood's history. In addition to food, conversation and general camaraderie, there was a raffle for gift cards (always useful this time of year), a holiday sweater contest and a collection of coats and cold weather gear to be donated to a local elementary school. Greenbelt Recreation also provided a city information table, helpful for the many newcomers in the neighborhood.



The tent gets set up despite the rain for the neighborhood's first official use of the park.



Neighbors enjoy food, music and conversation in the warm, dry confines of the tent.



Mayor Emmett Jordan (third from left) enjoys the celebration with residents.



FOP Lodge #32 Sponsors 2018 Shop with a Cop

by Sue Krofchik

Everyone was a kid, or at least a kid at heart, on Saturday, December 22, at Target in Beltway Plaza. This long-awaited day brought the 12th annual Shop with a Cop event, conducted by the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #32, with support from the Platinum Rollers Motorcycle Club and donations from corporate sponsors and the community.

"Our purpose today is to (help the children) get presents for family and then for themselves," said Sgt. Scott Kaiser, program coordinator. Kids were fitted with antlers and, together with their red shopping carts and cops, were off to shop. Children were selected to participate in Shop with a Cop based on family needs. Each of the 25 children was allotted a budget of \$200.

Brian was partnered with dispatcher Jessica Houle, who has 17 years with the police department. She has participated in this program so many times she can't remember the exact number. Speaking of being exact, Brian knew exactly what he wanted and made a beeline to the baby items section to get milk bottles for his mom and 3-month-old sister, Angel Gabriel. He also got her a stroller-toy baby. Brother Jose will find a Beyblade* with his name on it under the tree.

Genesis and her Platinum Roller partner picked up a purse for her mom and candy canes to put on their tree. Kaylen and Capt. Gordon Pracht were seen heading to toys. Yeysi and dispatcher Madison Mitchell spent time in outerwear, looking for just the right hat and gloves for dad. Chief Richard Bowers was in charge of pushing the cart for Joshua, who picked out pajamas for dad and cosmetics for mom. He got an X-box and Twister as family gifts.

When Christian was asked how he was doing he said, "It's good to get things for your family to spend time with you and

be happy." He was getting gifts for his brother, sisters and nieces. His partner, MPO Irelisse Fernandez, also described Shop with a Cop as good for both children and adults.

All police department participants volunteer their time for Shop with a Cop, and come from all levels,



PFC Matt Schurg and his young shopper watch their purchases being totaled.



MPO Irelisse Fernandez, and a program participant are ready to start shopping.



Officer Yomayra Rodriguez and three young shoppers stop to pose for a photo.



Officer Michael Thomas helps patrol the aisles, on the lookout for the perfect gift.

from the Police Explorer Program to civilians and sworn officers to the chief.

After a few hours of shopping, the next task was lunch and gift wrapping. All headed to the Greenbelt Firehouse, driven there in police cruisers. Lunch featured Chick-fil-A platters of chicken and Three Brothers pizza and wings.

Target Corporation is a long-time participant in the Shop with a Cop program and this year District Manager Jason Ramey and District Pro-

tection Asset Business Partner Angela Coger were present and pleased with the number of children that could be accommodated by the Greenbelt Target.

Other sponsors who made this event possible include Mission BBQ, Franklin Park apartments and the Greenbelt Fire Department.

*Beyblade is a line of spinning top toys originally developed and manufactured by Takara Tomy, first released in Japan in July 1999. The main premise of the series is that the Beyblade (sometimes shortened to "Bey" or "Blade") is customizable, with interchangeable parts and can be used to battle other beyblades.

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